(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government is aware of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)'s report entitled "Water Quality Status of Yamuna River (1999-2005)" dated November, 2006. The Report estimates generation of 3167 mld of sewage, against which, the installed capacity and utilized capacity for treatment were 2330 mld and 1478 mld respectively in 2003 as noted by the Report. As on date, the utilized capacity for the treatment of sewage has increased to 1590 mld.

(c) and (d) An Integrated Action Plan for cleaning of Yamuna is under implementation under the supervision of Ministry of Urban Development as per the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in case no. W.P. 725/ 1994. As per the latest time frames furnished to the Hon'ble Court by the Delhi Jal Board (DJB), specified capacity for sewage treatment will be augmented by indicated deadlines over a period of time. The DJB targets to attain utilization of sewage treatment capacity to the level of 2081 mld by December, 2007, 2326 mld by December, 2008, 2780 mld by 2009 and 3791 mld by 2015 subject to required budgetary and non-budgetary resources being available. It may be noted that as per the CPCB's Report on Yamuna River there was a reduction of about 14% in the total discharge between 2000 and 2005, indicating diversion of discharge for irrigation. Likewise the total BOD load came down by 25% from 2000 to 2005, indicative of increase in operational treatment capacity or better treatment performance.

Proposal from Uttarakhand under Forest Act

†3262. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received from the Government of Uttarakhand under the Forest Act during the last one year;

(b) whether all these proposals have been approved; and

(c) if not, the details of the pending and cancelled proposals?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) The Ministry of Environment and Forests has received 295 proposals from the Government of Uttarakhand for diversion of forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, during the last one year.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Out of the 295 proposals received from the Government of Uttarakhand for diversion of forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, during the last one year, 116 proposals have been accorded final approval and 86 proposals have been accorded in-principle approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Of the remaining proposals, 80 proposals have been returned to the State Government of Uttarakhand for additional information pertaining to the projects concerned, 1 proposal has been rejected on merits and the remaining 12 proposals are under various stages of processing in the Ministry.

Vacant Posts

†3263. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than half of the vacant posts in the Department of Environment and Forests are higher posts;

(b) if so, the number of posts vacant and since when they have been fallen vacant; and

(c) the reasons for not making appointment to these posts, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) No Sir. Out of the 193 vacant posts, only 14 posts are higher level posts which comes to 6.74% of the total vacant posts. Appointments to these posts require approval of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC). As per directions of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), the revision of the Central Staffing Scheme (CSS) of MoEF in respect of Indian Forests

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